

REMARKS

In the last Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Mosser et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,066,540), and allowed claims 3, 6, 10, 12, and 17-19.

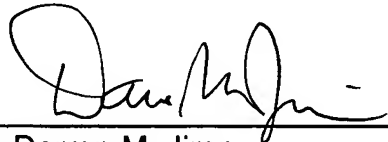
Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Mosser et al. By this Amendment, Applicants have incorporated allowable subject matter from claim 3 into independent claim 1 and have incorporated allowable subject matter from claim 10 into independent claim 9. Accordingly, the Section 102(b)/103 rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-9, 11, and 13-16 is moot and should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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